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1. ON THE BASIS OF REFTELS (A) AND (C), I TELEPHONED FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AND WAS RECEIVED BY HIM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, AT HIS RESIDENCE, AT 10:00 P.M. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, WHEN SILVEIRA JOINED ME IN THE LIVING ROOM, HE HAD WITH HIM THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION LEFT WITH HIM BY AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE DECLARATION AND DISCUSSED IT BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL BY TELEPHONE AT 5:00 P.M. TODAY.

2. SILVEIRA, AFTER LISTENING TO MY PRESENTATION, SAID THE FIRST (REMAINING) HALF OF THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WAS EXACTLY THE BRAZILIAN POSITION. BRAZIL WAS VERY PLEASED THAT THE US AND PANAMA HAD REACHED AGREEMENT, BUT THE GOB DID NOT THINK IT SHOULD MAKE JUDGMENTS ON THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE TREATIES. SILVEIRA SAID HE EXPECTS BRAZIL WILL SIGN THE MODIFIED DECLARATION. HE WOULD MEET WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL TOMORROW MORNING AND CONFIRM
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TO ME, BY TELEPHONE, THE BRAZILIAN DECISION AT 10:00 A.M. BRAZIL WOULD ALSO ADVISE OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. IN COMMENTING ON MY PRESENTATION, SILVEIRA REACTED FAVORABLY TO THE FIRST POINT (THAT THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY WAS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE THE TEXTS OF THE TREATIES BY TUESDAY NOON), AND SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE

ROLE AND IDENTITY OF THE SIXTEEN EXTRA-REGIONAL COUNTRIES INVITED TO THE SIGNING CEREMONY. SILVEIRA REACTED FAVORABLY TO THE PRESENCE OF THESE EXTRA-REGIONAL POWERS BUT WONDERED WHETHER COUNTRIES LIKE THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA HAD BEEN INCLUDED. SILVEIRA ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD EXPECTED THE DECLARATION TO CHANGE BUT THAT HE HAD NOT FELT BRAZIL SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN PROPOSING SUCH CHANGES. HE STILL FELT THAT IN THE SUB-PARAGRAPH BEGINNING "CONSIDERING THAT" THE PROPER WORD WAS "TREATIES" RATHER THAN "ARRANGEMENTS" BUT DID NOT PRESS THE POINT.

4. AS THE MINISTER WAS ESCORTING ME TO THE CAR, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED WORD THAT MRS. CARTER WOULD BE WELCOMING THE BRAZILIAN VICE PRESIDENT AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BRIEFLY RECEIVE HIM ALSO. HE NOTED BOTH POINTS WITH OBVIOUS PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION.
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